AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A downrigger counter device, comprising:

a downrigger board assembly;

at least one down rigger counter mounted on said downrigger board assembly; and

lighting means operably connected with said downrigger board assembly and said at least one downrigger counter for supplying light to ~~numbers on~~ said downrigger counter to aid a user of said downrigger counter device to set up equipment in dark or limited light conditions.

Claim 2. (original) A downrigger counter device, according to claim 1, wherein:

said light means includes a light assembly connected to said downrigger board assembly.

Claim 3 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device ~~according to claim 1, wherein~~ comprising:

a downrigger board assembly;

at least one down rigger counter mounted on said downrigger board assembly;

lighting means operably connected with said downrigger board assembly and said at least one downrigger counter for supplying light to said downrigger counter to aid a user of said downrigger counter device to set up equipment in dark or limited light conditions; and

said lighting means includes a light assembly and a fiberoptic connection between said light assembly and said downrigger counter.

Claim 4 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device ~~according to claim 2, wherein:~~ comprising:

a downrigger board assembly;

at least one downrigger counter mounted on said downrigger board assembly;

lighting means operably connected with said downrigger board assembly and said at least one downrigger counter for supplying light to said downrigger counter to aid a user of said downrigger counter device to set up equipment in dark or limited light conditions; said lighting means includes a light assembly connected to said downrigger board assembly;and

there is provided a fiberoptic connection between said light assembly and said downrigger counter.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 1, wherein:

~~there is provided~~ said at least one downrigger counter comprises a downrigger counter at each end of said downrigger board assembly.

Claim 6 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 2, wherein:

~~there is provided~~ said at least one downrigger counter comprises a downrigger counter at each end of said downrigger board assembly.

Claim 7 (original) A downrigger counter device according to claim 3, wherein:

there is provided a downrigger counter at each end of said downrigger board assembly.

Claim 8 (original) A downrigger counter device according to claim 4, wherein:

there is provided a downrigger counter at each end of said downrigger board assembly.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 6, wherein:

said lighting means includes a first fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a first one of said at least one downrigger ~~counters~~ counter, and a second fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a second one of said at least one downrigger ~~counters~~ counter.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device, according to claim 7, wherein:

said lighting means includes a first ~~fiber optic~~ fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a first one of said at least one downrigger ~~counters~~ counter, and a second ~~fiber optic~~ fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a second one of said at least one downrigger ~~counters~~ counter.

Claim 11 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 8, wherein:

said lighting means includes a first fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a first one of said at least one downrigger ~~counters~~ counter, and a second fiberoptic connection extending from said light assembly to a second one of said at least one downrigger ~~counters~~ counter.

Claim 12 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 3, wherein:

said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said fiber-optic connection to light up ~~an associated~~ said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 13 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 4, wherein:

said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said fiberoptic connection to light up ~~an associated~~ said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 14 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 5, wherein:

said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting ~~said~~ a fiberoptic connection to light up ~~an associated~~ said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 15 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 6, wherein:

said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting ~~said~~ a fiberoptic connection to light up ~~an associated~~ said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 16 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 7, wherein:

said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said fiberoptic connection to light up ~~an associated~~ said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 17 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 8 wherein:

said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said fiberoptic connection to light up ~~an associated~~ said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 18 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 9, wherein:

said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said fiberoptic connection to light up ~~an associated~~ said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 19 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 10, wherein:

said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said fiberoptic connection to light up ~~an associated~~ said at least one downrigger counter.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A downrigger counter device according to claim 11, wherein:

said light assembly is provided with at least one aperture therein for connecting said fiberoptic connection to light up ~~an associated~~ said at least one downrigger counter.